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SUBJ: SIX JAPANESE FISHERMEN HELD HOSTAGE IN PHILIPPINES

1. IN CONJUNCTION WITH GOP, JAPANESE AUTHORITIES HAVE TAKEN INITIAL STEPS TO TRY TO OBTAIN RELEASE OF SIX JAPANESE FISHERMEN BEING HELD HOSTAGE OFF KUALUAN ISLAND NEAR MUSLIM REBEL STRONGHOLD ON BASILAN ISLAND. FONOFF CONSULAR DIVDIR KAWASAKI INFORMED US THAT JAPANESE CONSULAR OFFICER MASAHIRO SASAKI HAS BEEN DISPATCHED TO ZAMBOANGA CITY AND BASILAN ISLAND WITH NOBURU TANAKA, PRESIDENT OF SHIPPING COMPANY WHICH OWNS THE SULU 14, THE HOSTAGES' FISHING BOAT. TANAKA WAS COINCIDENTALLY IN MANILA WHEN THE CAPTURE OCCURED. JAPANESE ARE COORDINATING THEIR EFFORTS WITH PHILIPPINE NAVAL

AUTHORITIES AND JAPANESE EMBASSY ALSO SENT NOTE VERBALE TO GOP ASKING THAT ALL MEASURES BE TAKEN TO PROTECT LIVES OF THE FISHERMEN.

2. BECAUSE OF COMMUNICATIONS DIFFICULTIES, ALTHOUGH THE SULU 14 HAS BEEN LOCATED, FONOFF DOES NOT YET HAVE INFORMATION AS TO EXACT NATURE OF DEMANDS. FONOFF ASSUMES THE KIDNAPPERS ARE MUSLIM REBELS BUT DOES NOT REGARD INCIDENT AS HAVING POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE. ACCORDING TO FONOFF REPORT, TEN FILIPINOS BOARDED SULU 14 SEEKING RICE AND OIL. ONLY WHEN JAPANESE REFUSED WERE SIX

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TAKEN HOSTAGE. COMPANY PRESIDENT TANAKA IS CONFIDENT THAT HE CAN

SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATE THEIR EARLY RELEASE AND IS PRESUMABLY
PREPARED TO PAY RANSOM.
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